

**REMARKS**

The serial numbers and filing dates of co-pending applications have been added to Page 1 of the Specification.

Reconsideration of the rejection and objections to all the claims remaining in this application after amendment is respectfully requested.

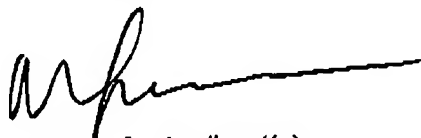
Claims 1, 3 through 7, and 11 of the present application had been rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1, 5 through 10 and 15 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/693,781.

The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that Claims 1, 5 through 10, and 15 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/693,781 have been cancelled from that application and therefore the rejection of Claims 1, 3 through 7, and 11 of this application is no longer appropriate, therefore the Applicant's attorney respectfully request allowance of those claims.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 2, and 8 through 10 thought being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that since Claims 1, 3 through 7, and 11 are now allowable, Claims 2, and 8 through 10 do not have to be amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The Applicant's attorney takes note of the fact that Claims 12 through 24 stands allowed.

Since it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.



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